



Job Seeker Newsletter

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THE FARMVILLE WORKFORCE CENTER JOB SEEKER NEWSLETTER

*- serving the counties of Amelia, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland,
Lunenburg, Nottoway and Prince Edward*

**Did you know over 80 local employers advertise vacancies through the
Virginia Employment Commission website?**

Go to www.alex.vec.virginia.gov to find the latest listings!

**In addition here are some local employers who post employment opportunities
on their websites:**

Benchmark Community Bank www.bcbonline.com

Longwood University www.JOBS.AGENCIES.VIRGINIA.GOV

VCBR WWW.VCBR.DMHMRSAS.VIRGINIA.GOV

Southside Electric Cooperative www.sec.coop

BB&T www.bbt.com



Your Benefits Connection®

Our online screening tool is free, easy-to-use, and completely confidential. We do not require your name, phone number, Social Security number, or any other information that could be used to identify you. You answer a series of questions about yourself, and then GovBenefits.gov returns a list of government benefit programs you may be eligible to receive along with information about how you can apply.

Are there government benefit programs available to help you?

Whether it's a direct payment, loan, insurance, training, or other services - there may be government benefit programs available to help you. To get started, go to the homepage, choose either Locate Federal or State Benefits, Browse by Category, or Get Results by Questionnaire.

What's happening in May?

Date	Event	Time
Wednesday	Southside Virginia Community College <i>WIA Older Youth, ages 18-21</i>	9:00am-3:00pm
Monday - Friday	South Central Senior Employment Program Title V <i>Serving adult workers over 55</i>	8:30am-4:30pm
3rd Thursday	Department of Rehabilitative Services	1:00pm-4:00pm
By Appointment	Job Corps <i>Providing education & employment services to youth, ages 16-24</i>	9:30am-1:00pm
1 st Friday	State Veteran's Affairs Representative	9:00am-1:00pm
By Telephone or Appointment	Department of Social Services Amelia, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Lunenburg, Nottoway, Prince Edward <i>Providing Medicaid, General Relief, Food Stamps, etc.</i>	8:30am - 4:30pm
Monday - Friday	Title 1, Workforce Investment Act Adult and Dislocated workers services	8:30am - 4:30pm
Monday - Friday	Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) <i>Providing assistance with Unemployment Insurance, Job Service, Trade Act, Labor Market Information & Workforce Investment Act Services</i>	8:30am - 4:30pm
2 nd & 4 th Tuesday	VEC Veterans' Representative <i>Providing specialized employment & transition services to veterans</i>	8:30 am - 4:30 pm



VEC Welcomes Veteran's Representative

The Virginia Employment Commission in Farmville is pleased to announce that Andrew (Andy) Bryant has recently joined the staff as Local Veteran's Outreach Representative. Andy's responsibilities are to make employer contacts to market job seekers who are Veterans and to make information available to employers regarding workforce center services. Andy said recently, "I am very pleased to be a member of the VEC team and especially in my capacity of Veteran's Representative. I look forward to working with employers in the area." Manager Carolyn Leslie added, "Andy's 20+ years in Marine service will make him a tremendous resource for Veterans".



The Regional Adult Education Program will give the Official GED Practice Test during the month of **April**. The test takes about four hours and provides a good estimate of scores an adult would receive if taking the actual GED test. If you pass the practice test, you will be able to take the official GED test **free of charge**.

If you live in or near the following counties, you can contact:

<i>Amelia or Cumberland.....</i>	Beverly Hill at 800-240-0418.
<i>Buckingham.....</i>	Carolyn Tapscott at 434-969-6180.
<i>Nottoway, Charlotte, or Lunenburg...</i>	Lois Griles at 434-736-2048 or 800-711-6121.
<i>Prince Edward.....</i>	Elaine Ford 434-315-2140.

The Practice Test will be given on the following dates:

<i>SVCC in Keysville, Room 43</i>	<i>May 10, 2007</i>	<i>5:00 p.m.</i>
	<i>May 24, 2007</i>	<i>5:00 p.m.</i>
	<i>May 31, 2007</i>	<i>5:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Prince Edward Career and Technical Center</i>	<i>May 8, 2007</i>	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>
	<i>May 10, 2007</i>	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>

The Official GED test will be given on the following dates:

<i>SVCC in Keysville, Room 103</i>	<i>May 11, 2007</i> <i>* Must pre-register, see below</i>	<i>*Call contact number for times</i>
<i>Buckingham Vocational Technical Center</i>	<i>May 18, 2007 (Part 1)</i> <i>May 19, 2007 (Part 2)</i>	<i>4:00 p.m.</i> <i>7:45 a.m.</i>

(You must be present at both parts to complete testing)

<i>Prince Edward Career and Technical Center</i>	<i>May 19, 2007</i> <i>(all day test)</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.</i>
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* For registration information, contact Lois Griles at:
(434) 736-2048 or (800) 711-6121

The thing always happens that you really believe in; and the belief in a thing makes it happen.
- Frank Lloyd Wright



Motivation and Determination Pays Off for Virginia Workforce Center Participant

When Blackstone Manufacturing closed in 2005, many employees were faced with making some difficult decisions. Karen McNabb of Kenbridge was one of those employees. Here is her story as provided to the Virginia Workforce Center in Farmville by Mrs. McNabb:

“My name is Karen McNabb, and I am a participant in the Adult and Dislocated Worker Program through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). I first met with staff of the Farmville Virginia Workforce Center in February of 2005. They told the employees about how we could get our education if we decided to do that. Well I thought about it, and then decided to take the opportunity and go back to school. When I decided to go back to school, I had to work on getting my GED. I met a very nice man at a job fair named Matt Dunn, and he told me that I could go to college without my GED. Mr. Dunn also told me while I majored in a college course I could work on my GED, and that is what I did. I started my education on May 23, 2005 and passed the GED test on October 14, 2005.

Nearly two years later, I am in my last semester of college at Southside Virginia Community College, Daniel Campus in Keysville. I will be graduating with my certificate in Information Systems Technology this coming May. I did not think that I could do it because I am married and I have three children. But I did not let that stop me. Not only am I proud of what I did, my husband and my children are very proud of me as well. Don't think that you are too old to go back to school, because I am 45 years old. If I can go back to school and graduate, then anyone can do the same thing that I did. If it were not for the staff at the Virginia Workforce Center and for the staff at the community college, I would not be where I am today. So for the one that would like to get a better paying job, go to the nearest Virginia Workforce Center or college and talk to the staff to get the education that you want and need. It will be worth it in the long run; I sure am glad I did. My experience with the Virginia Workforce Center in Farmville and the Southside Virginia Community College was the best move I have ever made in my life.”

To learn more about training opportunities, contact your nearest Virginia Workforce Center:

Farmville (434) 392-8871

South Hill (434) 447-8700

South Boston (434) 572-8270

Charlotte Court House (434) 572-5605

Funding for the Adult and Dislocated programs are made available through The Workforce Investment Act and are administered by the South Central Workforce Investment Board.

**We are what we repeatedly do.
Excellence, therefore, is not an act but
a habit.
Aristotle**

**Take calculated risks. That is
quite different from being rash.
George S. Patton**



VaEmploy.Com
Virginia Employment Commission

Hours of Operation:

8:00am-5:00pm

Monday-Friday

Lobby Hours:

8:30am - 4:30pm

M, Tu, Th, F

9:00am - 4:30pm

Wednesday

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